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IN MAMMALIAN CELLS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated October 21, 2003, for which a response is due January 21, 2004. Accompanying this response is a Request for a one-month extension of time. Since February 21 falls on a Saturday, this paper is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the analysis in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.